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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL SEEKS TO COORDINATE EU HUMAN RIGHTS

ACTION ON CUBA

REF: A. SECSTATE 147620

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[¶1.](#) (SBU) Pol-Econ Officer demarched MFA Human Rights Officer Ana Brito to discuss areas where the U.S. and European Union could work together on encouraging human rights advancements in Cuba. Brito was familiar with the proposal and noted that she and the Director for Human Rights Susana Vaz Patto had discussed this with DRL directly. The GOP has begun its efforts to coordinate the EU's response. Brito stated that the Portuguese had made a point of meeting with the Cuban government to underscore EU concerns about the human rights situation in Cuba (ref B), but that the individual member states remained divided about the best way forward.

[¶2.](#) (SBU) Brito speculated that the EU position may not be coordinated until the November 28 working group meeting on human rights (COHOM). She agreed to keep us up to date on how the internal deliberations progressed.

Hoffman